

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – May 3, 2010

7:04 P.M. Present: Chairman-David Klumb; Selectman-George Hashem and Selectman-George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant-Judith Jones:

- Chairman Klumb tabled the minutes of April 5, 2010 to be considered at a later meeting;
- Selectman Cummings made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 19, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved;
- A sick-leave slip for Mrs. Jones;
- A sick-leave slip for Financial Administrator-Wendy Pinkham; and
- Two Intents to Cut: W. Fred Courser Family Trust – Map 4-64 and Fern Clough – Map 3-25.

Police Chief-Robert Dupuis submitted the semi-monthly report for the Police Department and then discussed the following:

- Officer Richard LaValley is on his second week at the Police Academy and doing well;
- Recent activities include 15 motor vehicle stops and 20 calls for miscellaneous services; and
- Later in the meeting he advised that the Fire and Police Department plan an "Open House" on May 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He will advertise by putting a sign up a week before at the Public Safety Building and will be sending notices home to the parents of the school children offering to do fingerprints, photographs and DNA of the children. Chairman Klumb advised that he would be out of Town that weekend.

Fire Chief-Colin Colby advised that there have been 56 calls for the year. There were 12 calls in April and the Department logged 318 man hours in calls and training. He thanked the Department Members for their time and effort noting that there has been an average of 262 hours per month logged.

Road Agent-Emmett Bean reported that all has been quiet. He requested and was approved to use the office tomorrow to meet with FEMA representatives.

Chairman Klumb advised of a request by a landowner to make payments on his 2007 delinquent taxes totaling over \$4,000 by making a \$2,000 first payment and continue with \$500 per month until paid. The Board discussed the implications of allowing this process, realizing that if one was allowed then all taxpayers would need to be extended the same courtesy. The Board denied the request.

Peg Foss requested an additional \$4,000 for the re-construction of the Food Pantry. Last year the Board voted to give \$5,000 from the Isabel Anderson Fund for the project and has withdrawn \$3,000 from the fund to date. The Board reviewed the e-mail and accompanying documentation from Ms. Foss. After discussion, Selectman Cummings made a motion to approve \$2,000, making a total donation of \$5,000 from the Isabel Anderson Fund, seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved. Selectman Cummings made a motion to visit the site at 6:15 pm on May 17th prior to the Selectmen's Meeting; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

Chairman Klumb read a letter, but not aloud, received from Selectman Cummings declining his appointment made at the last meeting as Planning Board Alternate for the Selectman.

Treasurer Mary Welch reported that the bank statement would be in by next week.

Central NH Regional Planning Representative Vanessa Bitterman was present to answer questions on the Currier and Ives Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan. They are requesting a "Resolution of Support" from the Selectmen to adopt the plan, which would show the Town's support for the plan and the intention to work

with the other towns along the byway. She advised that the plan is not regulatory in any way, simply a tool to protect and enhance the byway. They are also requesting the Board to appoint members to serve on the Council to implement the plan and to ensure that Webster is adequately represented on the Council, with the first meeting planned for May 27th, which is open to the public. Seven representatives have been requested from each town, but typically there have been three to four representatives appointed. Chairman Klumb expressed concern as Route 127 Battle Street is the only major thoroughfare through the Town and concern that the byway may restrict commercial and residential development along that route, particularly if Federal Funds were to be requested as these typically come with huge strings attached. She explained that any Federal Funds applied for would require a contract and advised that the Town would be fully involved. Ms. Bitterman again stated that the byway has no regulatory attachments other than a restriction on billboards, noting that the byway has been a State designation for the past 16 years. The byway is meant only to conserve, protect and promote the area. Selectman Hashem recommended that the issue be referred to the Planning Board as they are the land use board. He inquired as to any financial support required. Ms. Bitterman advised that the request for funds last year has been abandoned. Ms. Bitterman answered questions and concerns addressed by residents Jaye Bowe, Richard Foss, Mason Donovan, Martin Bourque, Emmett Bean, and Barbara Corliss. Chairman Klumb read the "Resolution of Support" that the Board is being asked to adopt. Selectman Hashem made a motion to request that the Planning Board determine what compliance of the byway would mean to the Town, what it would commit the Town to and what the implications might be before the Selectmen agree. The Board discussed future land use issues along the Byway that would require one to go before the Planning Board and what guidelines the Planning Board would be required to use. Ms. Bitterman advised that the byway would not change any Planning Board regulations. Selectman Cummings recommended that if the Planning Board is charged with review of the plan, to ask them to come up with any restrictions, impact, and any invasive actions in concrete terms rather than conjecture as to what might happen sometime. Selectman Hashem again made the motion to refer the issue to the Planning Board to investigate any obligations, etc. the Town may have and make recommendations; seconded by Chairman Klumb. Selectman Cummings opposed. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the revised Tax Lien property list provided by Tax Collector Karen King.

8:01 P.M. Chief Dupuis requested a non-public session regarding a personnel issue. Selectman Hashem made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues with Chief Dupuis; seconded by Selectman Cummings. Roll Call: Chairman Klumb – yes; Selectman Hashem – yes and Selectman Cummings – yes. Mrs. Jones was requested to attend.

8:09 P.M. Chairman Klumb reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed with the Chief a change in his hours to increase patrol time while Officer Richard LaValley is at the academy. The Board approved the request.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the non-public minutes from April 19, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved. These minutes were then sealed as was voted at the meeting.

8:11 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

David E. Klumb, Chairman

George K. Hashem

George C. Cummings

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